

Memorial Day Activity

3 Ways Children Can Show Appreciation:

1. Show Respect

Speak to children about the importance of recognizing the sacrifices veterans have made in serving our country. Show them how to be respectful by suggesting visits to a local veteran's cemetery or war memorial. Placing flowers at memorials or tombstones is a great way to show respect.

2. Pay Tribute

Many wounded soldiers are now recovering in hospitals or having to go through physical training; print out a list of veteran's hospitals in your area to give to students so that they can visit on their day off with parents. Taking gifts as simple as flowers, cards, books, or movies will make someone's day and teach children the importance of community.

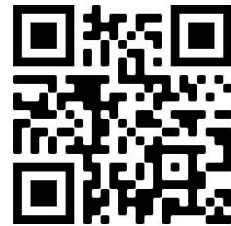
3. Make Someone's Day with the Memorial Day Remembrance Activity

From sea to shining sea, children can honor their country's freedoms with a traditional Memorial Day poppy. Encourage children to create these handmade flowers, with a traditional saying, to wear themselves or share with someone they appreciate.

Required Materials:

- White Card Stock (Item #31141)
- Glue (Item #47359)
- Chenille Stems (Item #88904)
- Red Tissue Paper (Item #7598)

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1. Print

Print the following saying for children to attach to their flower: I have a little poppy, as red as red can be, to show that I remember, those who fought to make me free.

2. Trace and Cut

Trace a circle on the card stock and have children cut it out.

3. Prepare

Invite children to tear sheets of red tissue paper into small pieces.

4. Assemble

Ask children to put glue on one side of their circle. Have children twist a black chenille stem around their finger and place in the center of the circle. Then, encourage children fill the rest of the circle with pieces of tissue paper until the entire circle is covered.

